

**REMARKS**

Applicant hereby elects with traverse to prosecute Amended Claims 1, 2, and 10-15 and cancels Claims 3-9 and 16-24 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application for the cancelled claims (Claims 3-9 and 16-24) at a later date.

**CONCLUSION**

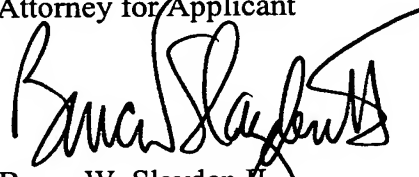
Applicant has now made an earnest effort to place this case in condition for examination. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims.

Applicant believes no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P. in order to effectuate this filing.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicant's attorney at 512.322.2606.

Respectfully submitted,

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